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CFSL and DNA Profiling Centres
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) and DNA profiling centres, inadequate technical manpower and forensic experts as well as lack of equipments in such centres thereby resulting in delay in prosecution of accused and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish new CFSLs/set up CFSLs in all the States, particularly in those States where no CFSL exist, if so, the details thereof along with the allocation of funds made by the Government for this purpose; and

(c) the time by which such CFSLs are likely to be set up in all the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): No, Madam. Out of the six Central Forensic Science Laboratories(CFSLs), three CFSLs under the Directorate of Forensic Science Services (DFSS) and one CFSL(CBI) under the control of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have full-fledged facilities and the latest and sufficient number of equipments are provided for conducting DNA profiling, along with the necessary manpower and experts. .
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(b) & (c) : Government of India has undertaken a Plan Project (2012-17) for upgradation of existing facilities in CFSLs at Kolkata, Chandigarh and Hyderabad and opening of new CFSLs in the States where there are no CFSLs. New CFSLs at Pune, Guwahati and Bhopal have been established recently and these laboratories are going to be fully functional in a couple of years. Government of India has allocated an amount of Rs.279 crore for this purpose under XII Five Year Plan project. Six new Divisions are being opened in the existing Laboratories at Kolkata, Chandigarh and Hyderabad and in the newly established CFSLs at Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati as well viz. (i) Digital Forensic Division (Forensic Electronics), (ii) Forensic DNA Division, (iii) Forensic Engineering Division, (iv) Forensic Intelligence Division, (v) Forensic Psychology Division and (vi) Narcotics Drug Division as a part of the plan project (2012-17) approved by the Government of India.
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